

[54] **PANEL DEVICE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

This invention is concerned with a panel device which is useful in the display and furniture arts. The panel device incorporates a plurality of vertical supports which engage panel members. The vertical supports are interconnected via a plurality of double hinges. The double hinges consist of a plurality of clip hinge members. Each double hinge consists of at least two clip hinge members. Pairs of parallel vertical supports are interconnected by a pair of double hinges said double hinges comprising at least four clip hinge elements. The clip hinge elements are formed from a ribbon of a suitable flexible material. The ends of the clip hinge members incorporate opposing double reverse bends which are adapted to engage and be secured in U-shaped channels which are an integral part of the vertical support members. The reverse bends may further incorporate locking tabs to assist in securing the clip hinge elements into the vertical supports. Pairs of parallel vertical supports are secured in fixed relationship with each other by horizontal supports. The interconnecting vertical and horizontal supports define frames which receive and secure panel members. The panel device consists of a plurality of related panel sections which can be rotated throughout a 360° arc in relation to each other. The vertical supports incorporate integral means for gripping appropriate panels.

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